

MEGHA-LAMP MEGHALAYA TEAM VISIT TO FOCUS NAGALAND

FOCUS Nagaland had the honor of hosting the Monitoring & Evaluation Unit of the "Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project" (Megha-LAMP) during their visit to our project sites from February 19th to 21st, 2024. The visiting team, led by Mr. Neli Ashihrii Pfoze (Senior Manager, SPMU, Shillong), comprised 11 members from both the State Project Management Unit and the District Project Management Unit.

Upon arrival, the team engaged in various activities, starting with a visit to the Nagaland State Agricultural and Marketing Board (NSAMB) at 4th Mile Chumoukedima district. Subsequently, they visited the FOCUS Nagaland PMU office located at the Civil Secretariat complex in Kohima.



The remainder of their tour included visits to:

- i) Jakhama and Nerhema villages under Kohima DMU for an Integrated Wetland Farming field visit and interaction with farmers. The targeted activities included the Community Seed

Bank, Mushroom Unit, Fishery/Duckery, Farm Road, and Irrigation Support in Jhum, among others.



ii) Enlgan and Longla villages under Wokha DMU for farmer interactions and visits to Pig Breeding units, Mushroom Housing, ongoing construction of Market Access Facility, Water Bodies, Bench Terrace, Goatry unit, Mushroom Water Bodies, and Bench Terrace, etc.





The objectives of their exposure trip were to learn good practices of Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation System under Focus, understand the FOCUS Management and Information System (MIS), and grasp the reporting system from village-level institutions to the DMUs and PMUs. The visiting team also sought to learn cross-cutting best practices of Integrated Jhum Farming, Integrated Wetland Farming, and Integrated Settled Agriculture. They aimed to gain insights into various Value Chain Development aspects (Crops and Livestock) under FOCUS, as well as understand the networking of village-level groups and their access to markets.